

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Notice of Public Hearing

of

Proposed Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements - Board Order No. R1-2008-0073
NPDES Permit NPDES No. CA0005894
WDID No. 1B77005OHUM

for

Evergreen Pulp, Inc
Samoa Pulp Mill

Humboldt County

The California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) proposes to adopt waste discharge requirements Board Order No. R1-2008-0073 for Evergreen Pulp, Inc. Samoa Pulp Mill. The tentative permit will be available for public comment from September 19, 2008 to October 20, 2008.

Public Hearing Procedures

There will be a public hearing to consider comments and objections to the proposed permit at the Regional Water Board Meeting scheduled to start on December 11, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., in Santa Rosa, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held at the Regional Water Board's Office, located at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed waste discharge requirements.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary material concerning this hearing, fifteen (15) copies of any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m., on October 20, 2008, at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. All documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing, along with documents that have already been received in anticipation of the development of this permit. Powerpoint presentations that summarize timely-submitted evidence need not be submitted in advance, although you may need to make arrangements with informational technology staff at the Regional Water Board if you plan to use our audio-visual equipment.

Except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair, written material received after the above date will not be accepted. The Chair will not allow any late submitted written material if doing so would prejudice the Discharger or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, sections 648.1 and 648.4).

Testimony at the above-scheduled hearing may summarize or explain timely submitted or late accepted written evidence, but shall not add new evidence. The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 10 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Dischargers. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Discharger, may be limited to three minutes and may only be given under the limited scope of summarizing or explaining any timely-submitted or late-accepted written evidence. No new evidence will be allowed to be presented at this public hearing. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at this public hearing, the Regional Water Board Chair may choose to use a timer to ensure that individuals stay within the time limits set by the Chair. The Chair also requests that in order to avoid unnecessary repetitive testimony, that one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals, when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

If you have any objections to these proposed procedures, you must submit your objections in writing to the Regional Water Board Executive Officer by November 26, 2008.

Document Review

The tentative Order, related documents, and comments, received by the Regional Water Board will be on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer

September 19, 2008